AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 with the following new paragraph:

Thickness reduction ratio (%) = $\{$ ~~$(t_1 - t_2)/t_2$~~ $(t_1 - t_2)/t_1\}$ x 100 . ----- (2)

wherein t_1 is a thickness of the barrel portion of the secondary intermediate molded article, and t_2 is a thickness of the barrel portion of the polyester container which is the molded article.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 with the following new paragraph:

Concerning the thickness reduction ratio, it is desired that the thickness t_2 of the barrel portion of the polyester container is a value in the pole portions among the reduced pressure-absorbing panels formed in the barrel portion. The pole portions among the reduced pressure-absorbing panels are ~~thicker~~ thinner than the reduced pressure-absorbing panels. Therefore, by taking a measurement at these portions, superiority is explicitly exhibited by the method of producing a heat-resistant polyester container of the present invention.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 19 with the following new paragraph:

Then, the secondary intermediate molded article was biaxially draw-blow-molded into 1.01 times in the longitudinal direction, 1.04 times in the transverse direction and 1.05 times in terms of the area by using a secondary metal mold heated at 150°C at a portion corresponding to at least the barrel portion 4, and was heat-set at the shoulder portion 3, barrel portion and bottom portion except the mouth portion 2 for 3 seconds, in order to obtain a wide-mouthed heat-

resistant polyester container illustrated in Fig. 1 having a thickness (t_2) in the pole portions 7 among the panels 6 of ~~0.45~~0.475 mm (position 45 mm below the neck) (thickness reduction ratio = ~~$(t_1 - t_2)/t_2$~~ $(t_1 - t_2)/t_1$ x 100 = 5%), a barrel diameter of 70 mm and a height of 95 mm.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 20 and 21 with the following new paragraph:

Then, the secondary intermediate molded article was biaxially draw-blow-molded into 1.03 times in the longitudinal direction, 1.17 times in the transverse direction and 1.2 times in terms of the area by using a secondary metal mold heated at 180°C at portions corresponding to at least the barrel portions 24a, 24b, and was heat-set at the shoulder portion 23, barrel portion 24 and bottom portion 25 except the mouth portion 22 for 2 seconds, in order to obtain a bottle-like heat-resistant polyester container illustrated in Fig. 3 having a thickness (t_2) in the pole portions 37 among the panels 26 of 0.38 mm (position 80 mm below the neck) (thickness reduction ratio = ~~$(t_1 - t_2)/t_2$~~ $(t_1 - t_2)/t_1$ x 100 = 20%), a barrel diameter of 70 mm and a height of 165 mm.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 21 with the following new paragraph:

A polyester container was produced in the same manner as in Example 3 with the exception of heating the secondary metal mold at a temperature of 210°C and selecting the drawing ratios in the biaxial draw-blow molding to be ~~1.1~~1.01 times in the longitudinal direction, 1.09 times in the transverse direction and 1.1 times in terms of the area.